" (c) 12,288 ration shops were functioning in the Madras State, excluding Andhra districts, when district-wide rationing was in force."

Payment of risk allowance to the staff of the Mental Hospital, Madras.

*1027 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any risk allowance is paid to the doctors and their subordinates in the Mental Hospital, Kilpauk, and in the other infectious diseases hospitals in the City of Madras; and

(b) whether this allowance is paid to menials also and if not, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (a) The doctors and the nurses employed in the Government Mental Hospital, Madras, are being paid a risk allowance. But those employed in the Infectious Diseases Hospital in the City which is under the control of the Corporation are not paid such allowance.

" (b) The menial staff in the Infectious Diseases Hospital in Tondiarpet is not paid any risk allowance. But a risk allowance of Rs. 3 per mensem has since been sanctioned with effect from 1st April 1954 to the attendants and toties in the Government Mental Hospitals at Madras and Kozhikode."

Grant of house-rent allowance to the staff of the work-charged establishment in the Government House subdivision of the Public Works Department.

*1028 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the workers like maistris, carpenters and others belonging to work-charged establishment in the Government House subdivision of the Publit Woks Department requesting to grant them house-rent allowance; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The request was not granted as it was not admissible. The staff of the work-charged establishment are paid at market rates prevailing in the locality which include the element of house-rent allowance also."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM:—" கட்டிடம் கட்டும் தொழிலாளிகளாக இருப்பதால் அவர்களுக்கு வீடுகள் குடியிருப்பதற்குத் தேவையில்லை என்று அரசாங்கம் கருதுகின்றதா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" I have stated that house-rent allowance is aslo reckoned in the calculation of their pay."